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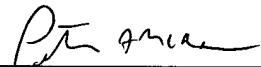
filings a request for continued examination (RCE) under §1.114, and therefore, no Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a Korean Office Action dated January 29, 2005, an English translation of the pertinent portions thereof, and an English language abstract of each the cited references.

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English translation of comments in Korean Patent Office Action

Korean Patent Publication No. 1998-39171A discloses a network system for monitoring a recreation room which comprises a plurality of organization devices connected to a network and central monitoring means for collectively monitoring the statuses of the organization devices.

Korean Patent Publication No. 2002-8731A discloses a device for controlling operation time of an internet computer. A user inputs money to a money recognizer of the internet computer. A server computer connected to the money recognizer is activated by the money input. Permitted operation time period of the internet (client) computer is counted. The internet computer is deactivated when the counted time period reaches the permitted operation time period.

Japanese Patent Publication No. 2000-157724A discloses a network game machine or system which comprises an ID memory which stores a unique ID in advance. When the game machine obtains on-line certification from a server, the ID is sent to the server together with profile information including a name and an address. The server identifies the game machine with the ID to establish communication therebetween.

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